

WICKES GUIDE TO WOODCARE

Wood in one form or another is used extensively around the home, both indoors and outside. It is used in the construction of the building, for decorative purposes, and for functional work such as the building of sheds and fences.

Being a natural product wood is not perfect. It can be affected by atmospheric changes, expanding and

contracting as it repeatedly absorbs and then loses moisture. It can be damaged by rot and woodworm attack. It can lose its colour, get dirty, support mould growth, and quickly begin to look unsightly. In order to prolong the life of timber and give it protection against the elements it needs to be protected.

The following pages should help you find the right product for your job.



Wickes have developed a range of woodcare products which enable the homeowner to effectively ensure that all the timber used in and around the home, new or old, sawn or planed can be protected, preserved, and kept looking good whilst enhancing the woods natural grain.

Wickes' woodcare programme starts with the timber you purchase with much of it already pretreated with a preservative. All treated sawn timber and most fencing materials for example are treated in a water-based product containing a biocide. Fence posts and gravel boards (used at the bottom of fencing runs) are also pre-treated.

Wickes also offer a variety of preservatives formulated for use in and around the home. Although many timber items are already pre-treated, this does not mean that further treatment is not needed. The pre-treatment is just the first step, which is done for you. The next step involves coating the woodwork to ensure it is protected and an attractive and high quality, long lasting finish is achieved.

THE RANGE OF WOODCARE PRODUCTS AVAILABLE IN WICKES STORES INCLUDES:

PRESERVATIVES

Help protect woodwork against future attack by woodworm, different types of rot and general decay. In this way they can be viewed as a type of insurance. Just imagine the cost if woodwork in your home became decayed and possibly needed replacing, by then of course it would be too late for quick and inexpensive repair work and you could face the prospect of a large bill and extensive work to be carried out. Therefore the emphasis should be focused on forward planning and preservation. Always read the label before you use these products and always use biocides safely.

KEEP INFORMED

- Look for other Good Idea Leaflets that could help you with your current project.
- Check that your Good Idea Leaflets are kept up to date. Leaflets are regularly changed to reflect product changes so keep an eye on issue dates.
- Visit our website at www.wickes.co.uk

SHED & FENCE TIMBERCARE



This is an ideal decorative finish for sawn timber above ground level such as sheds, fencing and trelliswork. It is a water based coating that is easy to apply, maintain and gives long lasting protection to garden timber against attack from sun, wind and rain. They can be purchased in both 6 and 12 litre containers.

Shed and Fence Timbercare has a low odour which makes it more pleasant to work with and it is also resistant to ultra violet light rays. Unlike many timber preservatives, Wickes Shed and Fence Timbercare is not harmful to plants. It can safely be applied - by brush or roller - to timber in the vicinity of plant life, although every care should be taken to avoid excess splashing onto plants. This 'safe' quality makes it ideal for use on timber framed greenhouses as well as fences with climbing plants. It is not suitable for use on planed timber.

The depth of colour can be increased by the application of additional coats. To maintain the protection and appearance of the treated timber the treatment should be reapplied every two to three years.

DRYING TIME: Under normal conditions touch dry in 1 - 2 hours, recoatable in 2 - 4 hours.

COVERAGE: Approx 6-12m² per litre depending upon the nature and porosity of the surface.

AFTER USE: Remove as much product as possible from application equipment before cleaning. Clean equipment with warm soapy water and rinse thoroughly. Replace lid firmly. Local authorities have special facilities for the disposal of waste coatings. Do not empty product into drains or watercourses.

WAX ENRICHED TIMBERCARE



This is a quick drying, wax enriched, water resisting formulation that provides superior protection and long lasting colour to sawn wood in the garden. It provides the long lasting protection required against UV light and the extremities of the weather all year round.

It retains its colour far longer than creosote or creocote and when 2 coats are applied, we guarantee your colour will stay true for 3 years after application. Special resins and waxes form a water resisting layer, which provides better performance and durability when compared to standard shed and fence treatments, preventing water from entering the wood, which helps prevent rot. Wax Enriched Timbercare will not harm animals or plants when dry. To avoid discolouration on leaves, splashes should be washed off with water.

Wax Enriched Timbercare is manufactured using low odour materials so it is more pleasant to apply, and because of its water based technology, brushes may be cleaned in water after use.

It is ideal for use on any sawn timber. This makes it the perfect protective covering for garden sheds, fences, gates or any other outdoor rough wood garden construction. Not designed for use on planed timber or wood that will be in permanent contact with the ground.

AFTER USE: Remove as much product as possible from the application equipment before cleaning. Clean equipment immediately with warm, soapy water and rinse thoroughly.

Replace lid firmly. Local authorities have special facilities for the disposal of waste coatings. Do not empty product into drains or watercourses.

GARDEN COLOUR



This is the bright way of bringing colour into your garden. You can make an attractive colour feature of garden furniture, gazebos, trellis, pergolas, planters and flower boxes.

Wickes Garden Colour is specially formulated to show the grain of the wood and give a long lasting all weather protective finish. It resists fading, cracking or peeling, and being waterbased it is easy to apply, dries quickly and is not harmful to plants or animals when dry.

WHERE TO USE: Wickes Garden Colour can be used on sawn or planed timber surfaces such as furniture, gazebos, trellis, pergolas, planters and flower boxes. It may also be used as a decorative finish for decking products, but is not suitable for wooden floor areas that are subject to heavy use. Wickes Garden Colour may be used over creosoted or creocoted surfaces that have weathered.

NOTE: Wickes Garden Colour protects timber from the elements, but is not a wood preservative. Therefore it should not be relied on to protect timber sections that are always in contact with the ground.

PREPARATION: Ensure all surfaces are sound, clean, dry and free from loose or flaking materials and grease. Treat any mould or lichen with Wickes Fungicidal Wash as directed.

Planed timber: Remove any previous coatings and sand down with Wickes Abrasive Paper. Remove all dust. Avoid the inhalation of dust. Wear a suitable face mask if dry sanding. Wipe the surface with Wickes White Spirit to remove any natural oils or resins, and allow to dry.

Sawn timber: Clean weathered surfaces with a stiff brush, water and detergent. Rinse and allow to dry.

APPLICATION: Stir well before and during use. Apply Wickes Garden Colour by brush, along the grain, working it well into the wood and paying special attention to end grain and joints. One coat will usually provide sufficient protection, but where the timber is very rough, is often exposed to severe weather, or where a deeper colour is required, two coats should be applied. The final colour will depend on the initial colour of the timber and the number of coats applied.

DRYING TIME: Under normal conditions touch dry in 2 - 4 hours, recoatable in 4 hours. Do not apply when temperature is below 5°C or when rain is imminent.

AFTER USE: Remove as much product as possible from application equipment before cleaning. Clean brushes immediately after use in warm soapy water and rinse thoroughly.

Firmly replace lid. Shake can to ensure an airtight seal. Local authorities have special facilities for the disposal of waste coatings. Do not empty product into drains or watercourses.

SPRAY & PROTECT TIMBERCARE



This is a quick and easy way to colour and care for sawn wood in the garden. When applied using the sprayer it allows you to treat a single fence panel in less than 4 minutes with minimal effort. (based on an average 6 x 6' fence panel). Only one coat is normally required. Wickes Spray & Protect Timbercare is a quick drying, wax enriched and water resisting formulation that provides superior protection, long lasting colour and protection against UV light and the extremities of the weather all year round.

PREPARATION: For best results all timber should be clean and dry. Timber affected by fungi, moss, lichen or algae should be treated with Wickes Fungicidal Wash, left for 24 hours, scrubbed down with a stiff brush and water, and left to dry, then retreated with the fungicidal wash.

WATER RESISTANCE: Special resins and waxes form a water resisting barrier between your timber and the weather, ensuring better performance and durability when compared to standard shed and fence treatments, preventing water from entering the wood, which helps prevent rot.

SAFE TO USE: Wickes Spray & Protect Timbercare will not harm animals or plants when dry. To avoid discolouration on leaves, splashes should be washed off with water.

LOW ODOUR: Wickes Spray & Protect Timbercare is manufactured using low odour materials so it is more pleasant to apply, and because of its water-based technology, equipment may be cleaned in water after use. Wickes Spray & Protect Timbercare is ideal for use on any sawn timber. This makes it the perfect protective covering for garden sheds, fences, gates or any other outdoor rough wood garden construction. As with most water based timber treatments, Wickes Spray & Protect Timbercare is not designed for use on planed timber or wood that will be in permanent contact with the ground.

APPLICATION: Shake thoroughly before opening. Follow the instructions provided for assembly and use of the Wickes Spray & Protect Sprayer.

TEMPERATURE & WEATHER: Do not apply when the temperature is below 5°C, when rain is imminent or in windy conditions.

DRYING TIME: Under normal conditions dry in 2 - 4 hours.

COVERAGE: The quantity of Wickes Spray & Protect Timbercare needed will vary with the nature and porosity of the surface, allow 1 Litre per 6m². One coat is usually enough to cover your chosen timber.

AFTER USE: Remove as much product as possible from the application equipment before cleaning. Clean equipment immediately with warm, soapy water and rinse thoroughly. Replace lid firmly.

SPRAY & PROTECT SPRAYER



This is a quick and easy way to apply colour and protect sawn wood in the garden. The Wickes Spray & Protect Sprayer has been specially developed for use with Wickes Spray & Protect Timbercare, allowing you to spray accurately and evenly in just one coat.

APPLICATION

For best results hold the nozzle approximately 15cm from the timber being treated. Spray one section at a time. Spray the edges and any vertical supports before spraying the centre area. Use a slow sweeping horizontal motion, turning at the end and overlapping approximately half of the previous pass each time. Re-pressurise the sprayer when the spray pattern weakens.

It may take a couple of minutes before you perfect your technique.

In the unlikely event that the nozzle becomes blocked, release the pressure before unscrewing the nozzle and wash with water. Check that nozzle is clear and reassemble. Any unused timbercare should be decanted back into the original container for storage.

NOTE: Before refilling or after use, ensure all pressure is released via the pressure release valve before opening the sprayer. Don't leave pressurised when not in use.

Avoid contact with plant life until dry. Wipe any splashes from leaves to avoid discolouration.

TIP: Before spraying fence panels etc. always check what is behind them before starting – it could save a lot of embarrassment.

TIP: Have a bucket of water and a cloth to hand so if you have a mishap it can quickly be washed off.

TIP: If, for any reason you have to leave the sprayer unattended, depressurise, then immerse the spraying wand / nozzle in a bucket of water. This way, on a warm day, the liquid won't dry in the nozzle and will be ready to use on your return. Never leave it unattended if there are children or animals around.

TEMPERATURE & WEATHER

Do not apply when the temperature is below 5°C, when rain is imminent or in windy conditions.

DRYING TIME: Under normal conditions dry in 2 - 4 hours.

AFTER USE: Remove as much product as possible from the application equipment before cleaning.

Clean equipment immediately with warm, soapy water and rinse thoroughly. Using cool clean water, follow the above filling instructions and spray approximately 1ltr (or until the water runs clear) into a container.

Ensure all liquid is completely drained from the sprayer and hose before storage.

SHED & FENCE PRESERVER



Preserves exterior timber from rot and decay and protects against the weather. The active ingredient penetrates deep into the wood to ensure effective preservation. The water-repellent formula is harmless to plants when dry. The rich colours are ideal for garden sheds and fences.

PREPARATION: For an effective treatment, ensure the wood is clean, dry and free from bark and surface coatings such as paint, varnish etc. Clean weathered and dry wood (use a stiff brush, water and detergent) and allow to dry.

APPLICATION: Shake can well before use and frequently during use to ensure colour consistency. Treat all faces, sides, ends and joints of the wood. It is recommended that the wood is dipped in the preserver where practical. In other cases apply at least two brush or spray coats. Each coat should be allowed to soak in but not dry fully before the application of subsequent coats. Use pre-treated timber if used in ground contact. Use a low-pressure (1-3 bar) compression spray if spraying and avoid atomisation (misting). Any surfaces cut after treatment should be brushed or sprayed with the preserver. The final colour of the wood is affected by previous treatments, absorbency and condition of the wood. It is advisable to try a small test area first. The wood has a waxy appearance when treated. Cover plants during application. Ensure the preserver is fully dry before re-fixing plants. Avoid contact with clothing. Do not spill or splash on to plaster, masonry, bitumen, bitumen felts or mastics. Not for use on garden furniture.

NOTE: Sawn wood may absorb up to twice as much as planed wood.

AFTER USE: Remove as much product as

possible from brushes etc before cleaning with white spirit or a proprietary brush cleaner. Clean any spills whilst still wet. Reseal can after use. Do not empty in drains or watercourses. Local authorities have special facilities for the disposal of waste product. **Wickes Traditional Shed & Fence Preserver contains PROPICONAZOLE.** Always read the label and product information before use. Use biocides safely.

WOOD PRESERVER



This is a solvent based preservative which preserves against all types of rot. If rot or woodworm already exist, Wickes Interior Wood Treatment or Woodworm Killer & Preventer should be used. Wood Preserver can be used indoors as well as being suitable for use outdoors. Use it before applying paint, varnish, woodstains or other finishes to untreated timber as an excellent general preservative. If pre-treated timber is used in any construction job, all cut ends should be given at least two coats. Not suitable for ground contact situations.

AFTER USE: Remove as much product as possible from brushes etc before cleaning with white spirit or a proprietary brush cleaner. Clean any spills while still wet. Reseal can after use. Do not empty in drains or watercourses. Local authorities have special facilities for the disposal of waste product.

Wickes Wood Preserver is available in 2.5 litre and 5 litre containers.

Wickes Clear Wood Preserver contains PROPICONAZOLE and IPBC.

Always read the label and product information before use. Use biocides safely.

HIGH PERFORMANCE WOOD PRESERVER



High Performance Wood Preserver is ideal for colouring and preserving exterior timber such as fencing and garden sheds from all types of rot and protecting it against the weather. This preservative is available in a range of colours. However the final colour will be affected by previous treatments, and the condition and absorbency of the wood and the number of coats you apply to achieve a richer shade. It is advisable to apply to a test area first. It is not harmful to plants when dry although plants should be covered during application. Take care not to splash onto plastic, plaster, masonry, bitumen, bitumen felts or mastic. Reseal can after use. Do not empty in drains or watercourses. Local authorities have special facilities for the disposal of waste product. **Wickes High Performance Wood Preserver contains PROPICONAZOLE and DICHLOFLUANID.**

Always read the label and product information before use. Use biocides safely.

CREOCOTE OIL BASED TIMBER TREATMENT



This is a more traditional, but very effective solvent based (ready-for-use) wood preservative, for use, against wood rotting, fungi and surface algae and should be used only on external timber. This product is also suitable for timber in contact with the ground i.e. fence posts etc.

Ensure surfaces to be treated are clean, dry and free from surface coatings such as paint, varnish etc. Remove all deposits of mould, lichen or algae from timber surfaces using a stiff brush. Apply by brush or dipping.

NOTE: The shade may vary from batch to batch. It is recommended that test patches are applied before general application.

The final shade is dependant upon the type and porosity of timber being treated and any previous covering. It should also be noted that the colour will fade with time.

To ensure an even shade, ensure that the cap is secure and shake the container vigorously. Transfer the contents to a suitable container and stir well before and during application.

Do not dilute. Apply by brush at a rate of 1 litre of product per 6-8 square metres of surface, or by dipping timber for 20 minutes.

For external use only. Avoid contact with the skin or eyes. Protective clothing including rubber/PVC gloves should be worn in the area.

CAUTION: This product is combustible. Remove sources of ignition during application and until dry (at least 36 hours); isolate electrical circuits,

switches etc. Use only flameproof electrical equipment suitable for combustible environments (e.g. appropriate encased lighting) and connect to remote sockets.

NOTE: Once a piece of timber has been protected with Wickes Creocote Oil Based Timber Treatment it shouldn't / can't be coated or protected with any other product, (other than Creocote). The only exception is when the wood has not been re-coated for several years and has become well weathered.

AFTER USE: Remove as much product as possible from brushes etc before cleaning with white spirit. Clean any spills while still wet. Always make sure container is sealed when not in use. Do not empty in drains or watercourses. Local authorities have special facilities for disposal of waste product.

Wickes Creocote Oil Based Timber Treatment is available in light and dark brown and 4 or 20 litre sizes

IMPORTANT: To avoid risk to yourself and the environment, carefully read and follow all enclosed instructions.

DECKING OIL



This is a convenient way to protect and enhance the appearance of wooden decking. It penetrates deep into the wood to replace natural oils and resins whilst reviving the colour of weathered wood. Wickes Decking Oil is suitable for all types of timber decking including boards and tiles particularly hardwood decks for reviving the colour of the weathered wood.

PREPARATION: Decking is normally sold pre-treated with wood preservatives to protect from decay. If un-preserved wood is used, use a suitable preserver such as Wickes Wood Preserver and allow to dry for 2 – 5 days before applying Decking Oil. Seek advice for specific treatment for timber used in ground contact. Surfaces should be clean, dry and free from any surface coatings, mould and algae. If necessary, clean first with Wickes Patio and Decking Cleaner, rinse well and allow to dry. Wipe off any oily or resinous deposits with white spirit.

NOTE: Weathered, sawn or grooved decking will reduce coverage.

Wickes Decking Oil will darken timber on application. This is normal and product will lighten with natural weathering. Test product on a piece of waste timber or in an inconspicuous area before full application.

APPLICATION: Shake can well before and frequently during use to ensure an even application of colour. Apply evenly by brush or

coarse sprayer. Do not splash plants, brickwork, stone etc. Apply a second coat once the first coat has dried. Do not allow puddles to form particularly in grooves.

DRYING TIME: 6 hours depending on conditions.

AFTER USE: Remove as much Decking Oil as possible from brushes before cleaning with white spirit. Do not use or store in extremes of temperature. Clean up spills while still wet.

Reseal can after use. Do not empty in drains or watercourses. Local authorities have special facilities for the disposal of waste product.

DECKING SEAL



This is a clear treatment designed to protect garden decking against the harmful effects of the weather without changing the colour of the wood. It has a wax enriched formula that repels water helping to keep the decks drier and cleaner and reducing the tendency for the timber to split. The clear treatment allows the colour of the timber to weather naturally.

Wickes Decking Seal may be used on all types of timber decking including boards and tiles. Use regularly to maintain protection. Decking Seal is not intended to be overcoated with other finishes.

PREPARATION: Decking is normally sold pre-treated with wood preservatives to protect from decay. If un-preserved wood is used, use a suitable preserver such as Wickes Wood Preserver and allow to dry for 2 – 5 days before applying Decking Seal. Seek advice for specific treatment for timber used in ground contact.

Surfaces should be clean, dry and free from any surface coatings, mould and algae. If necessary, clean first with Wickes Patio and Decking Cleaner, rinse well and allow to dry. Wipe off any oily or resinous deposits with white spirit.

NOTE: Grooved decking may reduce coverage

APPLICATION: Shake can before use. Wickes Decking Seal is a penetrating treatment and should not be built up as a thick film on the surface. For best results apply one or two coats. Apply by brush but do not allow pools to form, particularly in grooves. Brush out any that form before the Decking Seal dries. Apply a second coat when the first has soaked in. Avoid splashing plants. Do not apply if the temperature is below 5°C, in damp weather or if rain, dew or frost is likely before the Decking Seal can dry.

NOTE: Some temporary yellowing of light coloured timbers may also occur. As with many surface treatments newly treated areas may be slippery, take extra care when walking on just treated decking.

DRYING TIME: Up to 6 hours depending on drying conditions.

AFTER USE: Remove as much Decking Seal as possible from brushes before cleaning with white spirit. Do not use or store in extremes of temperature and protect from frost. Reseal can after use. Do not empty in drains or watercourses. Local authorities have special facilities for the disposal of waste product.

DECKING PRESERVER - CLEAR



This is a clear preservative to provide superior protection to all timber decking. The wax enriched formula has been developed for use on un-treated, pre-treated or pressure treated timber, providing deep penetration into the wood to increase water repellency and help reduce cracking and splitting. The biocides will protect against mould and fungal staining. The product has been specially formulated to give lasting protection against all types of rot and is ideal for the treatment of cut ends.

Wickes Decking Preserver should be used if the timber used for the construction of decking has not been previously treated with a preserver or for timber which has been cut or drilled after treatment. Regular application will ensure continued protection. Wickes Decking Preserver is not normally intended to be overcoated with decorative finishes. It allows the colour of the wood to weather naturally. If a decorative finish is required, allow to weather for several months before using a stain or similar product.

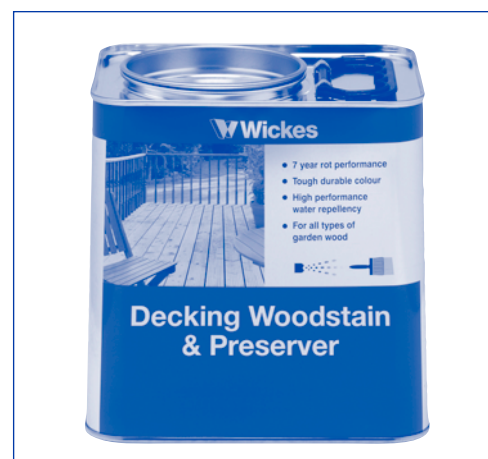
PREPARATION: Ensure all surfaces are clean, dry and free from any previous surface coating. Remove any dirt or mould using Wickes Patio and Decking Cleaner. Allow to dry thoroughly.

APPLICATION: For best results treat all surfaces. Apply 2 generous coats by brush, spray or dipping. Apply the second coat after the first coat has soaked in but before fully dry. Make sure that end grains, cut ends and joints are well treated. Treatment will take an average of 2 days to dry depending on conditions. Store and use in temperatures above 10° C.

AFTER USE: Clean up spills while still wet. Remove as much of the product as possible from brushes etc before cleaning with white spirit or a proprietary brush cleaner. Some local authorities have special facilities for disposing of waste products. Do not empty into drains or watercourses. Re-seal can after use.

Wickes Decking Preserver - Clear contains PROPICONAZOLE and DICHLOFLUANID. Always read the label and product information before use. Use biocides safely.

DECKING WOODSTAIN & PRESERVER



Provides complete colour and protection for all types of garden wood. It provides tough, durable colour whilst preservatives penetrate deep into the wood to protect against rot and decay for up to 7 years. Special water repellents help prevent the wood from cracking and splitting. It can be used to colour and protect new garden wood or alternatively it restores weathered wood that has been exposed to the elements. Wickes Decking Woodstain & Preserver is suitable for use on all types of garden wood including decking, summerhouses, sheds, fencing, gates, pergolas, softwood garden furniture and other exterior rough or planed wood.

PREPARATION: NEW GARDEN WOOD - All garden wood should be clean, dry and free from any previous surface coatings.

RESTORING WEATHERED GARDEN WOOD: All weathered garden wood should be clean, dry and free from any previous surface coatings. Remove any dirt, mould or algae growth using a suitable fungicidal cleaner and allow to dry. Sand or scrape to remove any grey weathered wood back to a sound surface.

APPLICATION: Shake can before use and occasionally during use. This is important to achieve a uniform colour. Apply to all surfaces by brush to the recommended coverage rates. Recoat after 12 hours under normal drying conditions. When spraying, use a coarse (airless) spray and avoid atomisation (misting). Make sure that end grain, cut ends and joints are well treated.

DRYING TIME: Wickes Decking Woodstain & Preserver will take an average of 6 - 10 hours to dry depending on conditions and type of timber.

NOTE: Absorbent or sawn wood will reduce coverage.

AFTER USE: Remove as much product as possible from brushes etc before cleaning with white spirit or a proprietary brush cleaner. Clean any spills while still wet. Reseal can after use. Some local authorities have facilities for disposing of waste product. Do not empty into drains or watercourses.

Wickes Decking Woodstain & Preserver contains PROPICONAZOLE and DICHLOFLUANID.

Always read the label and product information before use. Use biocides safely.

APPLY AND PROTECT DECKING STAIN



This is a quick and easy way to provide protection and add colour to wooden decking. For convenience it can be applied directly from the pack with Wickes Apply & Protect Deck Pad. This ensures that the optimum film thickness is achieved and the pad construction ensures balanced and even application and smoother coverage – much faster than by brush.

PREPARATION: Ensure that the timber to be treated is sound, clean, dry and free from dust, grease, polish or any other surface contaminants. Nail and screw heads in joinery should be set below the surface and concealed by a suitable wood filler. All areas supporting mould, moss or lichen type growths need to be treated with Wickes Fungicidal Wash which should be applied liberally to the affected areas with a brush, sponge or cloth. The solution should be allowed to dry and sterilise the growths. Once dry, thoroughly scrape and brush down with a stiff bristled brush, or power wash, to remove all unsound materials and all sterilised growths. Wear suitable protective clothing and suitable gloves. Heavily affected areas should be treated twice.

BARE OR NEW WOOD:- Softwood which has not been pre-treated should first be given a coat of a suitable clear preservative. New tanalised decking should be left to weather prior to treatment.

PREVIOUSLY PAINT OR VARNISHED

WOOD:- Use Wickes Paint & Varnish Stripper to remove all traces of previous treatment then treat as for bare or new wood. May be applied over previously creosoted timber providing the creosote is well weathered.

APPLICATION: For best results apply using Wickes Apply & Protect Deck Pad. Dip the pad into the stain, ensuring only the underside of the pad is immersed. Dip the pad evenly taking care not to overload it. Starting at the furthest corner, push or pull the pad in the direction of the woodgrain. Apply in long smooth strokes. Work away any excess stain and distribute it evenly along the decking board, avoiding puddles in the grooves. Treat 3-4 boards at a time avoid overlap marks.

May also be applied by brush, apply evenly, working well into the timber along the grain. Apply 2 coats to bare and previously preservative treated timber. Subsequent redecoration simply involves one fresh coat applied when required, usually every 2 or 3 years. The final colour of Wickes Apply & Protect Decking Stain will depend on the

original colour of the wood and the number of coats applied. It is advisable to test for colour in a small inconspicuous area first.

AFTER USE: Remove as much stain as possible from deck pad or brushes before cleaning. Clean equipment immediately after use with warm soapy water and rinse thoroughly.

WOODSTAIN



This has been formulated to give a durable, semi-transparent finish to smooth-planed exterior and interior hardwoods and softwoods. It allows the natural grain to show through, resists peeling and flaking and helps prevent damage to the wood by UV light. The quick drying formulation is touch dry in 1 hour and can be re-coated in 4 hours.

PREPARATION: Ensure surfaces to be treated are sound, dry, clean and free from dust and grease. Nail and screw heads in joinery should be set below the surface and concealed by a suitable wood filler. Avoid the inhalation of dust. Wear a suitable face mask if dry sanding.

BARE OR NEW WOOD: If the wood is an oily hardwood or resinous softwood, wipe down well with White Spirit to remove natural oils. Sand along the grain to a smooth finish. Treat new and bare exterior wood with a clear, penetrating preserver.

PREVIOUSLY WOODSTAINED SURFACES: Rub down with fine waterproof abrasive paper and mild soapy water, then rinse and dry thoroughly.

PREVIOUSLY PAINTED OR VARNISHED WOOD: Use Paint and Varnish Stripper and abrasive paper to remove all traces of previous treatment, then treat as for **BARE or NEW WOOD**.

NOTE: Not suitable for use on linseed oil putty, may be used on wooden glazing beads. Special precautions should be taken during surface preparation of pre-1960s paint surfaces over wood and metal as they may contain harmful lead. For further advice contact Wickes Customer Services

APPLICATION: Stir well before use and apply by brush. Work along the grain and avoid overlapping the brush strokes. On **BARE or NEW WOOD** the first coat may be thinned with up to 10% clean water. Wickes Woodstain is naturally milky in appearance when wet. This will disappear when the varnish is completely dry. The final colour of Wickes Woodstain will depend on the original colour of the wood and the number of coats applied. It is advisable to test for colour in an inconspicuous area.

Do not apply at temperatures below 5°C, in damp conditions or if rain is imminent.

COVERAGE: Depending on the nature and porosity of the wood, 1 litre will cover approximately 12m² per coat. Apply 3 coats to bare or new wood, or 2 coats to previously woodstained surfaces. Woodstain is available in 750ml and 2.5L.

AFTER USE: Remove as much product as possible from application equipment before cleaning. Clean equipment immediately after use in warm soapy water and rinse thoroughly. Replace lid firmly. Some local authorities have special facilities for the disposal of waste coatings. Do not empty product into drains or watercourses.

PROFESSIONAL WOODSTAIN

This is a microporous transparent satin finish that resists cracking, peeling and the fading effects of UV light. At the same time, it provides a high-performance protection against water penetration whilst allowing the wood to breathe. Wickes Professional Woodstain is ideal for smooth timber joinery such as doors, windows, fascia boards, cladding and garden furniture where it highlights the natural grain of the wood. It may be used on bare wood or where the wood has been previously treated with Woodstain. Its benefits are greatest when used on exterior joinery (either hardwood or softwood) but it may be applied to interior surfaces where a high degree of abrasion protection is not required.

PREPARATION: All surfaces must be clean, dry and sound. Remove resins and natural oils using Wickes White Spirit.

BARE SOFTWOOD - Treat with Wickes Clear Wood Preserver: Before applying Wickes Professional Woodstain.

BARE HARDWOOD/PREVIOUSLY STAINED SURFACES: Sand the wood along the grain to a smooth sound surface and remove all dust prior to coating.

PREVIOUSLY PAINTED OR VARNISH WOOD: All previous coatings should be removed before applying Wickes Professional Woodstain.

APPLICATION: Stir thoroughly - use a good quality brush to apply evenly along the grain. Avoid overlapping. Two coats are recommended for normal protection. A third coat may be applied where extreme weather conditions are experienced.

AFTER USE: Remove as much product as possible from application equipment before cleaning. Clean brushes immediately after use in Wickes White Spirit.

WOOD DYES



These are solvent based transparent wood dyes which are used for enhancing and decorating interior woodwork by enriching the colour of the woodwork without raising the grain. They can also be used on chipboard, hardboard and cork. Wood dyes offer a versatile way of staining timber in varying colours and shades. They can be diluted with white spirit or mixed with other shades to obtain the desired colour.

NOTE: The colour stated on the container is the colour achieved when applying the dye to a light wood such as pine. Therefore if your wood is darker the final colour will be darker.

They are only absorbed on clean, untreated, dry timber and so any previous finishes must be completely removed. Timber should be lightly sanded and all dust and grease removed. The dye should be applied with a lint free cloth pad evenly along the grain. Only one coat of dye should be applied.

If you wish to match the unstained wood to existing stained wood it will be necessary to experiment in order to obtain an exact colour match. Test the dye first on an offcut of the same wood or an inconspicuous area of the timber to check it is the desired colour. If you are diluting the dye with white spirit or mixing it with another wood dye be sure to make a note of the ratios used in the test so that it is easy to obtain more of the same colour. The complete procedure including allowing time for the varnish to dry must be followed in order to obtain the final appearance.

Then proceed with staining all the timber you require. The wood should be left to dry for at least 6 hours so that the solvents fully evaporate. Before sealing with a polyurethane varnish rub the timber with a rough cloth to remove any excess dye as this may bleed into the varnish. The cloth pads should be disposed of and any tools should be cleaned with white spirit.

Wickes Wood Dyes are available in 250ml containers. 1 bottle will normally be sufficient to cover 8m². Larger cans are available in some colours.

INTERIOR VARNISH



This has been formulated to give a hard-wearing finish, resistant to scratches. Wickes Interior Satin Varnish has been specially formulated to dry more quickly and with less odour than conventional varnish.

PREPARATION: Ensure surfaces to be painted are sound, dry, clean and free from dust and grease. Nail and screw heads in joinery should be set below the surface and concealed by a suitable wood filler.

BARE OR NEW WOOD: If the wood is oily hardwood or a resinous soft wood, wipe down well with Wickes White Spirit to remove natural oils. Sand along the grain to a smooth surface. Remove dust.

PREVIOUSLY WOODSTAINED SURFACES: Rub down with fine waterproof abrasive paper and mild soapy water, then rinse and dry thoroughly.

PREVIOUSLY PAINTED OR VARNISHED WOOD: Use Wickes Paint and Varnish Stripper to remove all traces of previous treatment then treat as for BARE or NEW WOOD.

APPLICATION: Stir well before use and apply by brush. Work along the grain, avoiding overlapping the brush strokes. On BARE or NEW WOOD, the first coat can be thinned with up to 10% clean water, followed by at least 2 further coats of un thinned varnish. The final colour of Wickes Interior Varnish will depend on the original colour of the wood and the number of coats applied. It is advisable to test for colour in an inconspicuous area.

AFTER USE: Remove as much product as possible from application equipment before cleaning. Clean brushes immediately after use in warm soapy water and rinse thoroughly.

PROFESSIONAL INTERIOR VARNISH

This has been specially formulated to provide a tough and durable varnish for interior use on bare or previously varnished timber. It is available in a gloss, satin or matt finish clear. It contains polyurethane and is scratch, heat and water resistant.

PREPARATION: Ensure the timber to be varnished is clean, dry and free from surface contaminant. Remove any flaking or crazed varnish. Sound existing varnish should be lightly sanded down with fine waterproof abrasive paper and rinsed thoroughly.

APPLICATION: Stir well before use. Apply evenly by brush along the grain using two or more coats as required. Sand down lightly between coats.

AFTER USE: Remove as much product as

possible from application equipment before cleaning. Clean equipment immediately after use in Wickes White Spirit.

APPLY & PROTECT FLOOR VARNISH



This is a quick and easy way to enhance the appearance and provide protection for wooden floors. For convenience it can be applied directly from the pack with Wickes Apply & Protect Floor Pad. This ensures that the optimum film thickness is achieved. Pad construction ensures balanced and even application and smoother coverage and is much faster than using a brush, and leaves no brushmarks.

PREPARATION: Ensure the timber to be treated is sound, clean, dry and free from dust, grease, polish and any other surface contaminants. Previously varnished or stained surfaces should be rubbed down with fine waterproof abrasive paper, rinsed thoroughly and allowed to dry. Remove any flaking or crazed varnish. Do not prepare the surface using steel wool.

APPLICATION: For best results apply using Wickes Apply & Protect Floor Pad. Dip the pad into the varnish, ensuring only the underside of the pad is immersed. Dip the pad evenly taking care not to overload it. Starting at the furthest corner, pull the pad towards you in the direction of the woodgrain. Apply in long smooth strokes. Treat 1-2 floorboards at a time avoid overlap marks.

May also be applied by brush, apply evenly, working well into the timber along the grain. Apply 2 or more coats. On bare or new wood the first coat can be thinned with up to 10% clean water, followed by 2 coats of undiluted varnish. Sand down lightly between coats.

AFTER USE: Remove as much product as possible from floor pad or brushes before cleaning. Clean equipment immediately after use with warm soapy water and rinse thoroughly.

PROFESSIONAL EXTERIOR VARNISH



This is a high quality varnish for exterior wood surfaces. It is specially formulated to give a flexible varnish film that will stretch and shrink with the underlying timber. Its microporous properties allow the wood to breathe.

PREPARATION: All surfaces to be varnished must be clean, dry and free from dirt and grease etc. Previously varnished surfaces in sound condition should be rubbed down with fine waterproof abrasive paper and rinsed thoroughly to provide a key. Cracked, flaking or discoloured varnish should be completely removed.

APPLICATION: Stir thoroughly before use. Apply at least two coats evenly by brush along the grain, and pay special attention to end grain. A third coat may be applied where extreme weather conditions are experienced.

AFTER USE: Remove as much product as possible from application equipment before cleaning. Clean equipment immediately after use in Wickes White Spirit.

WOODWORM KILLER & PREVENTER



This is a highly effective treatment which eradicates all types of woodworm including their larvae and eggs and prevents re-infestation. It should be used in situations where woodworm attack already exists. The liquid penetrates deeply into the wood killing the woodworm and protecting it for the future.

The woodwork to be treated should be clean and dry. To apply the Woodworm Killer & Preventer flood the timber with 2 or 3 brush or spray coats taking care to fully treat replacement wood and any surfaces which have been cut after treatment as these will still be vulnerable to woodworm attack.

Woodworm Killer & Preventer may enhance the colour of some hardwoods although this will not affect the final appearance when the wood has been finished. Varnish should not be applied until the wood is fully dry which should take approximately 2 days. Again, allow 6 to 8 weeks before laying plastic backed floor coverings and vinyl wallpaper or using mastics.

To avoid irritation to eyes and skin, protective clothing including rubber/PVC gloves, should be worn and the area should be thoroughly ventilated. **CAUTION: This product is combustible. Remove sources of ignition during application and until dry (at least 36**

hours); isolate electrical circuits, switches, etc. Use only flameproof electrical equipment suitable for combustible environments (e.g. appropriate encased lighting) and connect to remote sockets.

AFTER USE: Equipment should be cleaned with white spirit or a proprietary brush cleaner. Where desired the wood may be finished in the normal way after the preserver has fully dried (normally 2 days for brush, spray or 3 minute dip). All finishes such as paints, varnishes, woodstains or polishes may be used.

NOTE: Where the Woodworm Killer & Preventer has slightly enhanced the colour of some hardwoods this will not affect the final appearance when varnished or stained. Reseal can after use. Do not empty in drains or watercourses. Local authorities have special facilities for the disposal of waste product. **Wickes Woodworm Killer & Preventer contains PERMETHRIN.**

Always read the label and product information before use. Use biocides safely.

INTERIOR WOOD TREATMENT



This solvent-based preservative is formulated not only for the eradication of dry rot, wet rot and all types of woodworm but also protecting against future attack. It eradicates and preserves. It penetrates deeply into the wood to ensure preservation.

It can be used equally well on old timber such as roof supports and joists and on underfloor timbers to ensure that they too are protected.

CAUTION: This product is combustible. Remove sources of ignition during application and until dry (at least 36 hours); isolate electrical circuits, switches, etc. Use only flameproof electrical equipment suitable for combustible environments (e.g. appropriate encased lighting) and connect to remote sockets.

AFTER USE:

Remove as much product as possible from brushes etc before cleaning with white spirit or a proprietary brush cleaner. Clean up any spills whilst still wet. Reseal can after use. Do not empty in drains or watercourses. Local authorities have special facilities for the disposal of waste product. Where desired the wood may be finished in the normal way after the preserver has fully dried (normally 2 days for brush, spray or 3 minute dip). All finishes such

as paints, varnishes, woodstains or polishes may be used. **NOTE:** Where the preserver has slightly enhanced the colour of some hardwoods this will not effect the final appearance when varnished or stained.

Wickes Interior Wood Treatment contains PERMETHRIN.

Always read the label and product information before use. Use biocides safely.

EXTERIOR WOOD FILLER

If you need to fill any holes use Exterior Wood Filler which is a flexible, shrink free filler. The wood filler is made by mixing 38mm (1½") strip of catalyst to a golf ball size of filler and mixing thoroughly.

Apply this with a spatula, leaving it proud so that it can be sanded level with the wood. The mix remains in a workable state for approximately 10 minutes.

After 20 minutes the mix will be hard enough to cut with a sharp modelling knife. Within 30 minutes it will be sufficiently hard to sand. Note that using extra catalyst or working in a warm or hot environment will accelerate the hardening process. Once dry and hardened off this can be sanded down to achieve a smooth surface.

If you have a large hole to fill insert some non rusting screws into the hole, leaving the screw heads proud, but below the intended surface finish. The screw heads will then provide additional anchorage.

This comes in two container sizes, 1kg and 500g.

WICKES WOOD HARDENER

If rot is detected in the early stages it may only be necessary to remove paintwork and then apply the wood hardener. This would protect the wood and prevent the rot from advancing further. However if the rot has spread and much of the wood is decayed it will be necessary to remove most of the rotten timber until reasonably sound timber is reached.

Once this fairly sound wood is dry the wood hardener should then be applied. Ensure that the fibres of the wood are completely saturated but do not apply an excess so that it forms a surface film. The hardener contains resins which bind the fibres together to provide a sound base for repair.

Wood hardener is available in 500ml containers. Brushes used with the wood hardener must be cleaned out with a cellulose thinner or preferably use an old brush, which can be thrown away after use.

EXTERIOR WOOD REPAIR

Wickes Wood Hardener and Exterior Wood Filler are two products which make up a wood repair system which is used for making good damage caused by rot.

Wet rot is caused by fungal spores being carried into cracks and open joints by condensation and rain, then causing decay. Wet rot is first detected by a discolouring of paintwork and a softening of the wood underneath. As the wet rot progresses the paint becomes darker and cross cracking appears. In the advanced stages the wood becomes soft and almost string-like.